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Current topic and issues affecting outdoor recreation in our State. Prepared by the North Dakota Chapter, The Wildlife Society, and the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

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### REPORT ALL POACHERS (RAP) AUCTION HELD

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation hosted the RAP auction of forfeited and abandoned property gathered by the N. D. Game and Fish Department law enforcement officers. The auction, held at the Minot Fairgrounds in late May, was attended by over 300 people as 65 guns, 133 tree stands, a duck boat, an ATV, a snowmobile, a dozen blinds and other assorted hunting and fishing equipment were sold. Proceeds from the auction fund the RAP program reward system. Individuals reporting illegal game and fish activities, resulting in a conviction, may be eligible for a cash reward. The auction is normally held every 4 or 5 years, but the large number of forfeited articles in storage this year provided the opportunity for an auction three years since the last one. The Report All Poachers program remains a popular program for citizens to report hunting and fishing violations and is a deterrent to illegal actions committed by poachers.

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